

San Rafael, California

January 2, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

My Dear Jamie:

Happy New Year to you in the hope that the year may bring you rich blessings and great satisfaction in the consciousness of a year well spent in faithful performance of duty.

We are settled now in Grandma's home - until I get matters connected with the estate settled up - after which I hope to go East, but just when I do not know. Neither do I as yet know just how I shall be able to plan it so as to meet you but I will write you when I see the way clear for making such plans.

Grandma's will provides that after \$2000, to be used for her brother Frank, the balance is to go to you and Charles and me equally one-third.

Of course, by law you cannot receive this until you are of age - 21 years - and I shall have to be appointed by the court as your Guardian and will use and handle your share for you until you become of age. I suppose there will be about \$7000 apiece for us when all is settled up - perhaps not quite so much.

I am busy now looking over letters and papers - destroying some and setting aside some. I should like to have you read the enclosed paper written by your mother before she went to Korea. After reading, keep it if you wish to or send it to Charles to read some day.

You may possibly also want the autograph of D.L. Moody which I find on a letter to Grandma and clip off for you.

Sammy & Howard are playing out in the sunshine - mother busy with cooking, laundry and bed-making, etc. and I am looking over papers.

Lots of love from us all

Lovingly,

Father

No letter from you yet.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of S.A. Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth St.

January 9, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I was glad indeed when in cleaning Grandma's room your postal to me was discovered behind the chiffonier - so I did have some word from you. Was sorry you had been in hospital again but glad to know you were out.

Isn't it time for another letter from you? We are settled here now and this week I will receive from the Court papers as Executor of Estate and will begin to settle up accounts, etc. Mother and I are having a hard time to decide just what to do with the property - whether to sell all of it or to keep this one house. If we sell this house also, we shall have a job deciding what to do with all the furniture, etc., for some of that we certainly want to keep. Have you any ideas or wishes in the matter? Let me know if you have. We have just gone over all the jewelry and such things and put aside a good deal for you and Charles to use some day if you marry and then your wives will know what to do with this. Also a good big lot of silverware for the table, some of them old ones; solid silver belonging to your great grandmothers, both Warner and Hull. Just where to store this for you until you want it is also a problem.

Uncle Azel was here last week and we had a good visit. He left for Monroe, N.Y. last Thursday. We have greatly enjoyed Cousin Emma who will be with us until the end of this week. She has been such a help. I very much want you to get to see her and to keep in touch with her. She tells me her niece, Elizabeth Paige, who is now 19 years old, is a sophomore at Wellesley - not far from you. She is the little girl whose eye you poked when you were with mother and me in Minneapolis when you were about 2 years old. She was over at Northfield recently. Wish it might be that you could see her sometime.

Sammy and Howard are enjoying it here greatly and are playing all day long. The orange tree is full this year and very pretty. The boys help me in cleaning up the yard which needs it badly. They have a little wagon and haul to the back yard boxes of rubbish. They are growing nicely and are so full of fun and mischief.

I have been looking over a lot of letters of your mother written when she was in medical school to her Father and Mother. Many of them are beautiful letters which I want you to see. I enclose one - which you can count as a letter from her to you - in a sense - and I hope you may be greatly blessed in the reading of these letters, one of which I will send each time I write you. Keep them, please, or return to me, for when Charles is a little older and can appreciate them I want him to see them. Of course, part of the letter would not be of interest but I am sure you will be greatly interested in other parts of them. They show what a beautiful Christian character your mother was, even as a young woman and how deeply she was thinking. Here is one written when she was with Dr. Greene in Castle, N.Y. just before she went to Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Greene was one of the very first women doctors and a great friend of Grandma and your mother.

Cousin Emma, who is sewing on the machine here in the dining room where I am writing, tells me to give you her love and remembrances. She is a fine woman - with much of your own Mother's unselfish interest in others, always doing kind acts for them.

I want to hear more fully from you about your work and your thoughts and problems. Write often, my boy, and keep me posted. With lots of love from all of us,

Father

What do you want for Christmas? You never sent us a list.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

A rural church
100 miles from Kang Kei, Korea

January 12, 1922

Hilda S. Helstrom, R.N.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your letter of September 28 was received on my return from an itinerating trip just before Christmas. I need not tell you how happy I was to receive it and how grateful I am to you for your kind consideration.

I am in correspondence now with Thos. Cook [travel agency] as to route. I will probably go by the eastern route, but even tho I go by way of America, would not expect the Board to incur the extra expense. Such a thing never entered my mind.

I am in the country - have been out since two days after Christmas. Am writing this somewhat under difficulties sitting on the floor with a hot water bottle in my lap, in spite of being dressed in sweater and fur coat. We have bitter cold weather just now, so even though my kind hostess fires up, it seems to make very little impression.

I came here Monday in a blinding snowstorm, wet and cold, longing for a warm room but alas, the house was cold, so they brought in a "whärö" [open charcoal brazier] and the result was charcoal poisoning. Tuesday morning I was to begin the class, but my head was so heavy that I could hardly lift it off the pillow, and there was a beating as of a sledgehammer in my ears. I wondered under such circumstances what could be done, but God has never failed me yet. By the time the women gathered, I was able to get up, taught them three hours and a half and conducted the evening meeting.

This has been an exceptionally hard trip. It took me five days to get here, even though it is only a little over a hundred miles. The feat (I mean of getting me here) was performed by two horses and five bulls. There are some high mountain passes to cross, and it was very slippery, hence I had to change animals every now and then. This is not a case of "listen to my tale of woe", not at all. I want you to know that in spite of it, I am enjoying myself, for the women come in spite of the cold weather, study God's word with great interest and joy; they are enduring hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, why shouldn't I!

This is my second class since I left home. Sad hearts have been made glad, backsliders have been reclaimed, some sinners have found Christ, and Christians have been strengthened. That seems worthwhile bearing a little cold for, "me thinks".

We are so happy in Kang Kei over our new single woman and Doctor Byrum and family. Last year only six for Christmas dinner and this year sixteen! I think we have all reasons to rejoice and be glad.

The work too is going forward. We had the joy of seeing about two hundred signify their desire to become Christians at this fall revival in Kang Kei, and in the country here and there new groups are springing up.

The women are beginning to gather for evening service, and I have almost written myself warm, so it is about time to stop writing and use my superfluous energy otherwise.

May this new year bring you and all your family every blessing. Again, thanking you very much, I am

Most gratefully yours,
Hilda Helstrom

(from microfilm records of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Reel #4. Series II, Record Group 140-3-24, letter #43)

San Rafael, California

January 16, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I certainly was glad to get your letter of the 8th and now wait for another one. Sammy & Howard made fine travellers and enjoyed the trip and the steamer greatly. They were not a great care at all. They are pretty happy little youngsters - bright and active. Today they begin kindergarten in the public school. 27 youngsters are in the school. Mother takes them for 9 o'clock school and I go for them at 11:30. How I wish you might see them but I am not at all sure that they and Mother will go East at all. However, we will see. Was glad to hear of your Christmas vacation. Am afraid you had very little Christmas. We had sent a check to Aunt Susie to do some Christmas shopping for us but before she used it she heard we were coming - and not counting on my month in Hospital, thought we would be here in time to do the shopping for ourselves and so sent the check back. So you missed some good Christmas presents which we will have to make good for your birthday. What do you want and what do you need? Let us know. Have you clothes enough? What about your suits. Are they worn out? Have you outgrown them? Have you bought some new ones? It did me good to know you had worked so well during vacation and apparently enjoyed it. What did you work at? You certainly put in some pretty full days at the work when you worked ten and twelve hours. What were you doing?

It did me good to know you had a good Xmas dinner over at Northfield. Who went over? You say "we" but who constituted the "we"? You condense your letters too much. Yes, I noted that your grades last term were not up to the mark as heretofore and wondered what was the matter. Your tonsillitis will account for some of it but not all. I guess you are right in saying you have a hard time making yourself do the things you ought. Well, keep at yourself and just compel yourself to get down to real study. Plug away at your Latin - even though you do not like it. Neither did I and I sympathize with you but nevertheless you need to get down to hard work on it.

Do not know when I shall go East - probably not for some time yet. If we decide to stay until April I shall want to see Uncle Howard in Madison and will time my visit East so as to see them after they return from Florida.

I do not think I shall get to Mt. Hermon but will let you know how I plan things so that we may have a few days together. What kind of pictures do you want? Do you expect to frame them?

Best regards to Myron. Wish I could meet him. I enclose another letter from your own Mother - also the last one received from Charles. Do you write him? Love from us all.

Send me a copy of your accounts once more.

Lovingly,
Father

(from the Samuel H. Moffett collection of Samuel A. Moffett papers)

Los Angeles, California
1959 W. Washington St.

February 1, 1922

M.E. Chase

My dear Dr. Moffett,

Word has just come to me that Mrs. Fish has gone home and that you are in San Rafael. I can only rejoice in Mrs. Fish's release. She certainly enjoyed life but it was such a constant strife! I hope you will find time to tell me of her illness. I have not heard a word except that she was unusually well recently. The completion of that wonderful family gathering in heaven must have made even the angels shout for joy.

A great heritage they have left to Alice's two boys, not in money, but in Christian living. Not many men like Mr. Fish and no girl or woman of my acquaintance ever touched Alice for Christian spirit, strength, integrity, joy of service. She was one woman in a generation. Her boys cannot fail to be a tower of strength, it seems to me. There is work enough for them to do right in their native land.

I wonder if you will be in America [for] some time, and if you will come south. The family is all with you, is it not? "Miss Lucy" has much to show for her few years in Korea. I would love to see her and her boys. How she and I did enjoy the care of Alice's boys in San Rafael! Please give her my love and remind her of our mutual care!

With kindest remembrances, and always with admiration for you in your chosen work -

Very sincerely,

M.E. Chase

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

February 7, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

It has been good to receive your letter and to know more about you. I have not written for nearly two weeks, I think - - have been pretty busy and did not realize I had put it off for so long.

I got off a Christmas package to Charles the other day - a Kakhi suit, Boy Scout pattern - with hat and leggings which he has been wanting - also a new skull cap the boys wear so much these days - and eight of them different colors for him to give to the boys in the school. Underwear & stockings, etc., added to the package. Will send something more when we find it for him.

I hope to get up a package for you some of these days now that we have some idea as to what you want. How are you going to use your Christmas present from the Second Memorial Church in Detroit? Have you written thanking them for it? If not (and this is one of your great shortcomings) you must do so at once. It is the height of rudeness to neglect such a thing. I wish you would brush up on your letter writing. Uncle Howard and Uncle Tom ought to hear from you every once in a while.

I am delighted that you are seriously taking yourself in hand in the endeavor to form good habits and hold yourself to doing the things you ought to do. Keep at it and it will constantly become easier. I notice that you are leaving your themes for the very last hours before due and having to get up at 4 a.m. Why not get them done in advance a day or so and have them off your mind?

I have asked Uncle Howard to send you another \$50 so you will have something for emergencies. Some of it also you can use for a pair of brown shoes just such as you want. I do not think it wise for us to try to get shoes for you here. They will be cheaper East and you can make sure of a good fit. Get a real good pair. They will cost anywhere from \$8 to \$10 or possibly more, but get good ones.

What kind of a dictionary do you want? Let me know and who publishes it. Don't worry about Christmas presents for us. The best thing you can send is a letter regularly every week and evidence of work well done.

I am afraid Professor Tweedy will have a hard time to make out a "Christian" way of conducting war from anything that has taken place so far in the world's history. Glad you can tell the difference between a sermon and a lecture. So many preachers these days do not give sermons from Scripture but lectures from their own thoughts. I certainly think the Bible says there are to be more wars - wars and rumors of wars to the end until Christ comes. Read Matt. 24, Luke 21 and Rev. 16:14-16 & 19:17-19.

Am glad you are in Mr. Yeager's class on young men's problems. You will enjoy it and profit by it.

Your last letter January 21-31 came a day or two ago and I was more than glad to get it. Don't forget to send me a copy of your accounts.

I am quite agreeable to your going back to Mt. Hermon next year and taking two more terms if your advisers there think that best. Only, do not let that keep you from doing your best this year. Review your Latin by all means, for you need to get that more thoroughly. No, I do not think it will be wise for you to shorten your college course as far as I see it now. But we will talk of that when I see you. When is your vacation in April and for how long? It is possible I will not go East until April and we may be able to spend your vacation together.

Out of the \$50 sent you, take also enough for the kind of a stamp album you want if you

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know where to get it. Let me know what it costs, for I may want one for myself. If you ever get time for stamps and get really interested and post up, you can then go ahead with your collection and occasionally by up stamps when a good opportunity comes. I found about a dozen of fine old U.S. stamps in the scrap book of your great grandfather, John B. Fish, and will keep them for you. I have some more Japanese and Korean stamps for you, also. You ought to be able to make some exchanges with Myron. When does he finish at Mt. Hermon? And where does he go after that? Can't you land him as a missionary for Korea?

I certainly am very happy over your decision Jamie, and that you are ready to decide on your life work. It did me good to know you were one of the forty who stood up. What about personal work among your fellow students, Jamie? Are you doing anything to help others to take and maintain their stand for Christ and a life of service to Him? Learn to do it naturally as a matter of course. It will help you and will make you an influence for good in the lives of others. Aim to be helpful to others. That was your mother's most outstanding characteristic. I enclose another of her letters. Through them you will learn much of her.

Keep up your love of good music and don't let the jazzy get any hold on you. The news of your intelligence test was most interesting. Let me know more about it, please - how it is done and what are some of the highest grades obtainable. Evidently you ought to be doing better, can do so and only need to keep yourself up to your best work.

We had dreadfully cold weather here for about ten days - and the hardest snow storm in over 40 years for this section. It came Sunday morning, January 29th and created great excitement. People who never saw snow before went to the mountains and just revelled in it and brought in auto loads of it. Our boys enjoyed it also, you may be sure. Warmer weather has come now and we sit out on the porch in the sun during part of the day.

I am arranging this week for my appointment as guardian for you and Charles. Grandma was guardian and the court will now appoint me to look after your property until you are of ages. You will have income enough to meet your school expenses and also save up something each year adding to your principal. You will find lots of uses for it later on.

Last night I spoke at San Anselmo Seminary and for [the] first time dealt with the political situation. I did not spare Japan in describing the mis-rule in Korea.

Sammy & Howard are just back from kindergarten. They tell me to tell you that they have an Irish maid and a tricycle and are enjoying them so much. How the boys are growing! Send a message to them when you write or put in a little note for them.

What about books from your grandfather's library? Could you make use of any while in school or would they just be in the way? Some of them we shall certainly keep for you.

If we can sell this whole property in one sale I think we shall not try to keep any of it but we think something of getting a bungalow in Carpinteria - southern California where Cousin Hester Fish and Uncle Henry live.

Dinner is ready - Haven't told you half of all I want to - but Good by -

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

February 14, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I was delighted to get 2 letters from you the other day with all the news therein. This will have to be your Valentine since I am writing on that day. It may be that I shall come all the way to Mt. Hermon to see you there but am not sure yet. Let me know the dates of your spring vacation.

Am trying to get up a birthday package for you and think I will do so in time for the 28th - the day Princess Mary is to be married.

About your skate shoes - by all means buy them at once and get all the good you can out of them now and then have them for next year. Get good ones. In looking over your accounts I was pleased to see how careful and economical you have been - but I am inclined to think you have not spent as much as is probably good for you. Feel at liberty, my boy, to spend a little more now and then for "eats" or entertainment of any kind there comes along. I have asked Uncle Howard to send you \$50 to have on deposit. Draw on it as you feel inclined. You must not skimp yourself too much. What about your clothes? Are you well enough provided? Have you outgrown those you had? What do you need? You certainly need a new spring suit, I feel sure. Let me know how your present outfit is.

I wonder if it would not be a good thing for me to go to Mt. Hermon just before your vacation (would it interfere with your examinations and preparation for them)? - and then both of us go to Boston & New York together and while in New York for a couple of days, get you another supply of clothes. Maybe I can plan it so. Will see. Have just learned that your great, great great grandfather, Capt. William Paige was a minute man in the Revolutionary army, going to Boston just after the battle of Lexington - - [and] that your great, great great grandfather, Major James Paige, was also in [the] same company. I expect you will have to go over to Hardwicke [?] and Ware some of these days to see where they lived.

This morning I was surprised by a telephone message from Dr. Adams of Taiku, who came yesterday on [the] Taijo Maru and is in Oakland - sick again. He tells me George [his son] has had scarlet fever in Pyengyang. I am eager now to hear from Charles [who is also in the dormitory in Pyengyang] and to know he escaped it.

Will write soon again. This is all just now. Will talk over with you your future studies. I think you should go back to Mt. Hermon next year.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

February 17, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Look over all these stamps, please. Take any you have not and return the others to me unless there are some among them you can trade at once to good advantage. Notice the Korea stamps carefully, especially the surcharged ones, and also the Japanese stamps surcharged "Chosyen".

Also notice the dates of the U.S. stamps. Be sure to get your new album if you want it.

Yours lovingly,

Father

I wrote the above to post in the parcel post package I am sending you, but it will have to go separately in a letter. The parcel post package should reach you not long after this.

I hope the pictures are what you want. The photos of grandfather are sent for you to select the one you want and to destroy the others unless you want them. The photo of our Korea house is the finest we ever had. Your mother had it framed for Grandpa and Grandma. Keep it carefully. You will always want it. The knife was your grandmothers. The neckties are from Mother. She got them in Japan.

The books I hope will be equal to detective stories. This parcel post package goes off tomorrow. I hope to follow it with another later on but want this one to certainly reach you by the 28th.

Many Happy Birthdays to you.

Love from us all,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

February 21, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Herewith a few letters for you to look over on your birthday. The one from Miss Chase you can file away with those of your mothers - to go to Charles later on. You have a great ancestry, my boy, on all sides of the house. Did I write you that I discovered your great great 4 or 5 times grandfather was Captain William Paige who served in the Revolutionary War - a "minute man" and his son, your great (3 or 4 times) grandfather who served as a minute man. If I go on to Mt. Hermon I think we shall have to go to Ware, Massachusetts and Hardwick together to see where the Paiges came from.

Last week I sent you a package for your birthday. Hope it has some things in it to help along in life's interests. Uncle Rob has probably sent you a box of candy from Madison - as I asked him to and that should reach you before the 28th. Yesterday I sent from San Francisco by parcel post a steamer rug which I think you will like for your bed. I particularly liked the red and black plaid side of it.

Many many happy returns of the day. Draw on your friends for some kind of a celebration with "eats" for your chums on that day.

Word has just come from P.Y. [Pyeng Yang] that Charles, with 7 others of the dormitory crowd, has scarlet fever - all light cases, they say, and he is probably over it by this time, so we need not worry. But scarlet fever is always serious. Muriel Morris had it first, bringing it from Seoul.

Thursday of this week Sam & Howard are both to have operations for tonsils and adenoids at hospital in San Francisco. We hope for good results and no serious situation.

Uncle Howard writes that they expect to leave Florida for the North about March 20th, taking over two weeks to reach Madison.

Weather here is some milder now - but still raining almost every day or night. It has been a cold, wet two months - not such weather as we think of as belonging to California. All unite in wishing you a Happy Birthday.

There is a good U.S. flag here which I want to send you but we have misplaced it. It will be coming on some of these days.

With greetings to Myron -

As ever
Lovingly,
Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

February 28, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

17 years ago today we had a happy home in Pyengyang and we were rejoicing over your arrival. You have been a great joy to us ever since and we certainly are very very thankful to our Heavenly Father for this great gift to us. What good times you and I have had together through these 17 years and I trust and believe the next 17 years will bring to us both even greater satisfaction and joy over your life and its experiences. I am sure God has called you into His service and now these years of study and preparation will be years of varied experiences and growth and development. I want just as much of a share in them all as is possible in view of our necessary separation. Let us keep up our letters regularly and thus live together. How I wish I could be with you today and that we might celebrate together.

In this house there has been a birthday cake on February 28th ever since the first birthday and mother has just called us to dinner now for the birthday cake in your honor. Sam and Howard wanted to send you some "bean candy" so I have just tied up a little box which goes to you by mail from them.

Have just finished dinner - eating part of your cocoanut cake and all of us shouting "Hurrah for Jamie".

I am hoping the packages sent you got to you before today. Wish I could have sent you a good big birthday cake also. Have you any way of getting such things as a big cake there? If you have, just keep it in mind and on Sammy's birthday, April 7th, get one for yourself and chums.

I have word from Korea today telling of Charles convalescing from scarlet fever, he and seven others having gone to Dr. [Mary] Cutler's [Methodist Mission] hospital. All had light cases, though Charles was the hardest of all - and all have now come through safely. Last week we took Sam & Howard to San Francisco for operation for removal of tonsils and adenoids. They were in hospital about 30 hours and then we brought them home. They have been having rather a trying time - throat hurting a good deal, with no appetites and pretty much complaining and whining. But they are better now and we hope will be all well in another 3 or 4 days. We have all so far escaped the flu though there is lots of it all around here.

Our oranges are ripening fast now and every day some 15 or 20 drop from the tree. For two days we have had bright sunshine, the rains apparently being over. But for the past two months we had almost continuous rain or cloudy weather, except one week in January. The winter, I think, is over and yesterday we sat on the porch watching the robins as they caught worms, etc. under the cedar tree and fig tree. The fig tree has not yet started to bud but roses and ----- are sprouting out.

When the boys are really well again we shall probably plan for ten days in Southern California at Carpinteria and Los Angeles and then if things are in shape I want to go East the last of March.

Am hoping for a letter from you today or tomorrow and shall be glad to hear how you passed your birthday.

With love from all of us -

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

March 9, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

What has happened to you! Have you given up all your good resolutions and fallen back into the habit of not writing to anybody? I expected a letter written on your birthday, certainly, but nothing has come now for two weeks or more. Get hold of yourself, boy, and form the habit of writing regularly - if only one sheet with a few lines. I was greatly interested in your account of the special meetings and of the efforts to lead many of the boys to Christ and to a confession of Him. We have been remembering you in prayer each day and I am especially glad, my boy, that you are making your own influence felt along these lines.

Letters from Korea tell me the dormitory children are now out of quarantine and only the 7 in hospital still under it. All of them are well again but have to remain in quarantine for a while longer. I am so thankful Charles came through without serious results. I expect he was pretty lonesome and blue for a while without any of us with him.

Today we are going to Oakland to stay 5 or 6 days in the little bungalow of mother's. You may possibly remember it. After we come from there we may go South for a week and then after coming back here I shall probably go East. Uncle Howard writes they ship their auto to Philadelphia, then go by steamer from Jacksonville, Florida to Philadelphia - thence by auto to Lancaster and thence by auto to Madison. They want me to join them at Lancaster and go to Madison, but I cannot very well make it. When I go East I must have time for my visit to you and for a day or so in Pittsburgh - so will have to come on a little later.

I do not know what I did with the calendar you sent me. Let me know again the date for your Spring vacation.

I got some aeroplane stamps the other day and can use them on any parcel post packages I may send you. So, look out for them hereafter.

Sam & Howard are all well again - in kindergarten as usual and all goes well with us except that my business matters are so very slow. Our Spring weather has come and it is delightful now. No rains but bright sunshine and everything coming into bud and leaf. Let me know whether the parcel post packages for your birthday reached you safely!

Love from us all as always. Greetings to Myron. What about your clothes? Get some when needed. Are you keeping up a good appearance?

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

March 18, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Cousin Hester [Fish]:

While not definitely decided, we shall probably leave here next Friday for Southern California stopping at Orcutt and expecting to reach Carpinteria Saturday the 25th. Let us know, please, if for any reason it will not be convenient for you to take in four of us for two or three days. We have two of the liveliest boys you will ever run across or have run over you, so if you let us come be prepared for some lively times.

We go on from Carpinteria to Los Angeles. You probably recognize the crest on this paper as the Fish family crest. Among Mother Fish's things we found the cut for this and have placed it with Smith Bros. Stationers, 472 - 13th St., Oakland, Calif., so that any of the Fish tribe can order any kind of stationery they wish with the crest. We are sending you a few samples of what we have just ordered.

Our idea is to leave the cut of the crest with Smith Bros. indefinitely so that any of the family can get the use of it.

Greetings and the best of wishes to all the family.

Sincerely,

Cousin Sam

In ordering from Smith Bros. it will be necessary to give description of the crest and state that it is one of those left with them by Mrs. S.A. Moffett. We left the Hull family crest there also so it will be necessary to specify that you want the Fish crest and describe it or send a sample.

S.A.M.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

March 23, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I certainly was glad to get your letter of the 16th. I had about concluded you must be sick and was on the point of telegraphing Myron to find out. I don't want you to leave such long spaces of time without dropping me a line - a postal card when you are especially busy.

I felt relieved to know that you are all right and all goes well. Glad you enjoyed your packages. I too thought the steamer rug a good one with a striking pattern.

I am now eagerly awaiting Charles' first letter after getting out of quarantine. Have you written him any time since Christmas? Send him a letter once in a while if not very often. It will do him good and I don't want you two boys to get out of touch with each other.

Tomorrow we start for Southern California. Will see the Reiners at Orcutt for a few hours and then spend a few days in Carpinteria with Uncle Henry Fish's family. We are thinking of buying a bungalow there if we sell this and mother's property in Oakland and then store some of our belongings in it and occupy it when we come on furlough a few years hence. From there we go on to Los Angeles and will see the Gillis family, Mrs. Burnham, Margaret Lee and Mother's aunt, Mrs. Berkeley. Uncle Howard takes the steamer at Jacksonville, Florida tomorrow for Philadelphia and after a visit with Clinton & Louise and baby at Lancaster, goes on by auto to Madison. How I wish I could be with them as they had suggested.

I am glad you heard from Richard Baird and hope he paid you a good visit. He is said to be a particularly fine fellow.

I have bought some aeroplane stamps to use on future parcel post packages to you and Charles. So when you get parcels hereafter look out for the stamps. Wish I had had them before your birthday.

I have just gotten my bond as guardian for you and Charles and in a few days will receive my papers. Your bonds are to be kept in the bank at Madison and Uncle Howard will look after them. I had a premium of \$60 to cover the four years until you are of age, and \$100 for Charles for the seven years.

It is slow work getting things settled according to all the various laws controlling such things. I wish we could keep this house but do not think it will pay to do so if I can get a fair price for the whole property all together.

I am enclosing a few things which may interest you. Keep any of such things as you think you may like to have for your children some of these days.

We sent you three photos of grandfather so you could select the one you like best. Destroy the others for we have a number of them.

I am glad you are having more time in the gym. I think you need it. How tall are you? And what do you weigh? I have gotten back my weight - the 18 pounds I lost when I was in hospital.

Keep up your letters. Lots of love from all of us. Wish you could know Sam and Howard these days. Will try to get a photo of the four of us for you soon.

Lovingly,
Father

Greetings to Myron.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Los Angeles, California
Bible Institute

April 1, 1922

Samuel Austin Moffett

Dear Jamie,

This is not an April Fool letter but a bona fide epistle. We have had a fine trip from San Rafael to here, stopping at Arroyo Grande where mother taught school for 3 years some years ago and having Mr. Reiner meet us there in his auto, take us through Santa Maria where we met Miss Reiner and all the others of his family. On to Orcutt where he is teaching school and where we took dinner. The boys enjoyed the twins and "Rufie" very much. Then we took the stage and in less than four hours landed at Carpinteria where we stayed four days with Uncle Henry Fish and family and had a fine time on the beach and in motoring around that beautiful region where Mother was born. Cousin Hester gave me quite a number of postage stamps which I picked out from the many she had saved. I enclose some. Pick out what you have not and return the others to me.

From Carpinteria we came down in Cousin Ben's auto, having a picnic dinner enroute and came over the Potango Pass to Santa Monica on the beach where Howard let a wave catch him and soak him - and thence to Los Angeles, where we have fine quarters at the Bible Institute, "The Prophet's Chamber"- sitting room, bathroom and bedroom.

We have seen so many from Korea besides good visit with Aunt Mattie Berkeley and Mrs. Burnham. The Gillis family - McFarlands, Mrs. Adams, Louise Hayes, Margaret Lee [daughter of Graham Lee], Marjory Iverson, also your mother's most intimate friend, Mrs. Brodhead. How I wish you might have a visit to this region. I think we will manage it some day before you get through college. Am hoping to see the Ross family also. Lilian and Albert are both studying in Pomona College, Claremont, where your mother's cousin's family (Lucia Fish Neeley) are, Judge Neeley being a professor there. We shall be here until April 4th, I think and then return to San Rafael.

I am eager to get Charles' first letter after quarantine. Poor boy - he had a pretty hard time of it, his case of scarlet fever being the worst of the seven. I hope you have written to him. Let me know that you have, please.

Mother, Sam and Howard are out for a little walk and some shopping and I am reading the paper and writing letters this morning. Los Angeles is a big city - 10th in the U.S. and spreads out over all the country around for 30 miles. It is a beautiful country too. My chief objection to Wooster as a college is that the scenery there is so poor. There will be a lack of that inspiration, which has been such a pleasure to you at Mt. Hermon. However we will hope there will be other compensations.

Write me once more after you get this - sending to San Rafael and then write me at Madison until further notice.

Love from all of us,

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 3, 1922

James E. Adams

Rev. A.J. Brown, D.D.
156 5th Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 30th ult. I arrived here two or three weeks ago and put myself under the treatment of Dr. [Frederick] Erdman [brother of Walter C. and Charles R. Erdman].

I went to pieces again this last winter and the doctors urged me to get out of the strain. They said for me to cut entirely loose from the work there, come to America and settle down with no thought of returning unless I got entirely on my feet again. I should then go systematically into treatment, and if and when I recovered I might then consider going back [to Korea] again, but not until then. As yet it is not at all clear as to whether or when I can return. My trouble is almost wholly a brain fog. Physically I am alright.

There are some matters which came up in connection with the evangelistic campaign which I was managing this last year which I had thought might be of benefit all around to talk over with the Board. As you probably know, we had established some churches out in unevangelized districts [around Taegu] with about 1400 enrolled out of nearly 2300 professing faith - and when I left it was going on at nine churches a month. However, I do not know just when I can go up to New York.

Yours Very Sincerely,

James E. Adams

San Rafael, California

April 10, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I thought I should have written you before we left Los Angeles but I was too busy again. We had a fine visit with the Reiners at Orcutt, the Fish family at Carpinteria, and with many friends in Los Angeles. Saw Mrs. Burnham, the Gillis family, Miss Chase, Mr. McFarland, Marjory Grierson and Margaret Lee [daughter of Graham Lee]. All inquired about you.

We returned here Friday night and before many days I expect to start East but I shall not be able to be with you at your vacation. I must stop at Rock Island, Madison and probably Cleveland and Pittsburgh on my way East. I think now I shall go on to Mt. Hermon and have a few days with you there.

I am enclosing some more stamps - including aeroplane stamps. Am picking them up here and there.

I have no letter from Charles - but others write me that he is well again. They saw him playing ball in his new "boy scout" suit which I sent him.

Sammy enjoyed his birthday greatly and today is celebrating again with your gift - the tennis ball which came this morning. He is enjoying it greatly.

Oh, yes, I saw Albert & Lillian Ross also in Southern California. They are at Claremont and Lillian is taking some studies in Pomona College. Albert is very much better and in good spirits. He is in high school there.

We are all well. Mother's aunt, Aunt Mattie Berkeley, came up with us from Los Angeles for a visit here and to mother's brother, Theodore, in Oregon. When they all visit there I will go East.

I have not heard from you for a long while.

As ever, with lots of love,

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

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April 19, 1922

Thomas C. Moffett

Mr. James M. Moffett
Mt. Hermon School
Mt. Hermon, Mass.

My dear James:-

A letter from your cousin Clinton reached me in this morning's mail, indicating that he may come over to New York any day on a business errand in connection with an offer that has come to him from a college where he is desired for a faculty position. I write at once to let you know, in case your father has determined his dates for being in the East. If he is at Mt. Hermon I would be glad if he would wire and let me know whether he will come by way of New York. The latch string is out for you and for him at #54 Gramercy Park and at the National Arts Club. A hearty welcome and "The Keys of the City" await you. I may have to go over to Washington, D.C. for a day before the Commissioner of Indian affairs starts the first of next week for the Far West, so I am desirous to know as far as possible in advance of your father's movements. I do not know now whether I can go to Indiana to be with him two or three days at Madison before the end of this month.

I hope things are going nicely in your studies and that you are contented and happy in your Connecticut Valley surroundings and your Mt. Hermon work. The enclosed report of my task for the past year may be of interest to you and your father.

With all good wishes, I am,

Affectionately your Uncle,

Thomas C. Moffett

P.S. - - If your father comes to New York, I am wondering whether he would like to have me get one or more of the neighboring Koreans here for a talk with him. Mr. Holdcroft is nearby at Patterson, N.J., several students or former workers and Dr. Chas. Hamilton of the Philippines are at Princeton and one of your Korean missionaries is at #22 North Portland Ave., Ventnor, N.J., (Not Mr. Koons, but one of the other men who came in to see me and left his address).

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

April 24, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

My night letter will tell you that I heard from Mrs. Sharrocks (and right glad I am that she wrote me) about your measles. Of course I am concerned but not anxious, although eager to hear from you as soon as you are allowed to write. I wish I could be with you but I am sure you are well cared for. The only danger in measles is that some complication of eyes or ears may arise - so please be sure to be careful and do not use your eyes too soon or too much for sometime. Do not worry about your studies. You can make up this next year all that you need to for graduation and for college entrance. After all, it was a good thing we did not try to hurry you through to graduation this year.

I am still delayed here but am hoping to get off the last of the month and after a visit in Madison and a probable stopover at Pittsburgh, will come on to Mt. Hermon for a visit with you. Just go along with your work as though I were not coming and then when I do finally get there we will plan for a visit and possibly for a run to Boston or New York for a few days if you can get off, as I suppose you can. My dear boy, I am just as eager to get to you and to have another visit as I can be and am looking forward to it as a certainty. Let me know as soon as you can just how you are and how it affects your studies, etc. Write me here unless you hear from me that I have left. I suppose another term fee will be due now and I take it you keep Uncle Howard posted as to that so that you receive the money you need.

Friday night the 21st Mother and the boys and Aunt Mattie Berkeley and Grandma Rhoda left for Oregon to visit Theodore's family - so I am here alone clearing up yard and house and cellar and barn - and waiting just now for a reply to my offer to sell all this property to the Katherine Benson school next door for \$29,000. I hope they buy it even though they may offer a little less than my price. If this goes through I shall then go East and we shall hope to sail not later than July 1st.

Have had a letter from Charles - only one, however, and he is well again. Everything here is beautiful now with lilies, roses and flowers generally all coming into bloom. I have my guardianship papers and the American Surety Co. has gone my bond to you [?] to amount of \$4000 that I won't run off with your money. I am to place your securities in safe deposit box in Madison and Uncle Howard will handle the interest, etc. for re-investment or for paying me for your education expenses, etc. I plan to put yours in securities becoming due after you are of age so that no more changes will need to be made but turned over to you when you are 21. I will talk with you about the care of your principal when I see you. You will need to learn something about business matters.

I count on you keeping me posted by telegraph if anything comes up which I ought to know at once. Speak to your doctor or nurse or teacher adviser about this, please.

With lots of love and every wish for a good recovery.

Lovingly,

Father

I enclose another of your mother's letters and one Grandma copied. I am sure these will be helpful to you.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

April 28, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I am eagerly awaiting further news about your measles. Mrs. Sharrocks said she would write again but her first letter only is the one received so far.

As you have not telegraphed I take it all is going well. I am taking it for granted you received the night message telegram I sent you and would have telegraphed me if there was any reason to do so. I am enclosing a letter which will interest you - one of your mother's when you were less than a month old. Am also sending a puzzle which you and your chums may wish to work over. I do not know how it is worked but perhaps soon one of you will find out how.

I am waiting for an offer on this property which the Branson School people have said they would make. After I hear from them I shall probably be able to make plans to go East.

Mother and the boys returned Thursday from Oregon - Sam with a heavy cough but otherwise all right.

Love from all of us. Write as soon as you can.

Lovingly,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

May 11, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I was more than glad to get your postal and to know you were well again and no bad results had come. Now I shall look eagerly for more letters, giving me more of the details of your life and thoughts.

I still do not know just when I am going East. Things move slowly. I have the promise of an offer from the School people for all of the property and am waiting for their proposition which I am to have this or next week. Then I think I shall know what to do and am hoping they will offer at least almost as much as I have asked for it, \$29,000.

I want to stop at Rock Island, Illinois, Peoria and Madison before going on East and then after a few days in Pittsburgh, go on to you. Don't get impatient. I am trying not to. When I do finally reach you we shall hope to have several days together.

Charles, I suppose, is expecting us back soon and so is not writing. I have had only one letter from him since his recovery. A month from now is his birthday (14). Be sure to write him a good long letter for his birthday and send him anything you can get there which you think he would like.

Yesterday I went to Oakland on business and in afternoon attended a ball game between Oakland and Portland, Oregon. It was a beautiful game with more good plays and interesting situations than any game I have seen in 30 years. I did enjoy it. Portland was 2 to 1, winning the game, really, on the very first ball pitched - which the batter struck over the fence for a home run. After that, each side made only one score. At one time the Oaklands had a man on third and none out but they failed to score. At another time the Portland pitcher gave three men their base on balls, filling the bases with two out, but they got no score. There was fine head work done. Wish you & I could take in a ball game together. Maybe we can if we go to Boston.

Took Sam and Howard to a circus here on Tuesday. How they did enjoy it. They have pretty good times and are very happy - and taken all in all, are pretty good boys. Don't I wish I could have all my boys together. Wouldn't we have great times.

I am sending you a copy of Oakland paper (part of it) which you will find interesting. When through with it, send it to Charles.

Don't forget, please, to thank Mrs. Sharrocks for writing to me. You owe the telegram night letter to her kindness.

How are you off for clothes? Let me know - and have you money enough? Don't do any extra work for money this term. Put in all your extra time in making up your studies and in getting in good shape physically. Let me hear from you.

Love from us all -

Lovingly,

Father

Are you reading your mother's letters I am sending you? You have made no comment. I want you to learn much from them.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

May 17, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Have been reading a whole lot of old letters from your great grandfather, John B[errien] Fish, to your grandfather, Charles H[ull] Fish, written [from] 1860 - 1869 and have gathered a few first rate stamps. I enclose some for you. Notice the green 10¢ ones for 1861 and 1862 are different. Also see if you can detect any difference in the three cent one for 1863 - 4, 7, 8, 9. Does your book make note of any difference? I have marked the date. Do not detach the date until after you have given a good examination and also consulted your book.

I do not understand why you do not write me more frequently and more fully. I am so eager for letters from you. Write Charles upon receipt of this and it may reach him for his birthday.

Mother [and the] boys are in San Francisco today.

Love from all of us -

Lovingly,

Father

Date for going East still uncertain.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

May 25, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I am puzzled to account for your failure to write me. I have been waiting for three weeks for a letter and nothing comes. I hope there is some satisfying accounting for it - for I do not like to think that you are simply neglectful or lazy. I am hoping to get off for the East some time next week, so when you receive this, please write me at once directing it to Madison.

Business matters here are not in the shape I have hoped to have them, for as yet the school people have made no offer for the property and I begin to think they will not take it and that I must begin to find purchasers elsewhere and may have considerable timber doing so.

We are getting along as usual. Aunt Mattie Berkeley of Los Angeles has been here for over a month - just now visiting friends in Mill Valley. We spent a couple of days in Oakland and I spoke last Thursday night to young women in First Presbyterian Church, Oakland. Have attended a couple of good ball games and enjoyed them greatly.

I am still looking over old letters which I found loads of here. Have gotten some good stamps from some of them.; What are you doing with stamps? You have never mentioned receiving those I have sent you from time to time, nor returned any I asked you to send back if you already had them.

I suppose you received the money for your tuition from Uncle Howard and have paid it. I enclose also a letter of your mother's which will interest you. Put it away with the others I sent you to keep for Charles. Do you know you have never acknowledged the receipt of any of them - nor made any comment? You need to take yourself in hand and pay a little more attention to your letters. You have given me so little information about yourself or your work or studies or play that I do not know what to write you on those subjects. I hope you have not been sick again. If you are, you should have had someone telegraph me or write me.

We have had most beautiful roses here for the last two weeks or more and everything has been lovely. Good weather, cool in mornings and evenings, but quite hot in middle of day. Sam and Howard have had very troublesome coughs for some days and Mother has been pretty tired but otherwise all well.

Let me hear from you at Madison - just after you receive this.

Lovingly,

Father

Notice the old stamp on this envelope. Found it in one of the old letters of Mother Fish's.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

May 27, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

[postcard to James M. Moffett, Mr. Hermon, Massachusetts, Box 131]

Delighted to get your letter this morning. I feel better. Will be on to see you some time before very long, I think.

Go ahead - join the Student Volunteers at Mt. Hermon. You have thought it over - and are ready for it. Good!

Love from all of us -

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

June 5, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

At last I am to get off to the East, expecting to leave here this afternoon and after a stop off at Rock Island, Illinois to see Mr. Davis, hope to reach Madison by Saturday night. Will probably stay there a week. [I] will write you from there.

I enclose another of your mother's letters. Certainly they will prove an inspiration to you. Be sure to keep them for Charles. Notice the stamp on this one - what a clear one it is - and this peculiar color used in 1892. I have a number of stamps which I have gathered from old letters - - will bring them with me - some few of them really very rare ones.

Do good work in your studies and catch up in everything before I get to you so you can get a few days off for a trip to Boston with me without doing your study too much harm and dropping too far behind. You can get off for a few days, can't you, even though it is in middle of the term?

All right, if you want a bicycle get it right away, or if you want, wait until I reach you. Look up what you want by trying those the other fellows have. You want a good one, of course. It does not pay to get cheap ones. Make inquiries and be prepared when I come on - unless you already know just what you want and where to get it, in which case, go ahead - buy at once and use it if you have money enough on hand. Drop me a line at Madison and I will send you on money at once when I get there - if need be.

My, but I am eager to see you and be with you again. Uncle Tom is in New Mexico now and comes to California for a month in July. He will be in Santa Barbara for his vacation and I will expect to see him when I get back here. As he will not be in New York, I shall not plan for you to go there this time, though I shall probably be there for a day or two.

Post up on Boston and its surroundings a little bit so you will know what to look for when we go there.

Am afraid Mrs. Sharrocks will have left Northfield before I reach you. Find out her movements and where she will be. Get a place for me in Crossley if you can for a couple of nights or so. See if you can't put me in your room by ousting your room mate for a couple of nights. I'll make it good to him for the favor.

About speaking - I do not care to do much speaking anywhere this trip, but if you want me to speak once and I can fit into some schedule, go ahead and arrange for one talk or address - the date, however, as yet uncertain and subject to arrangement when you know definitely when I will be there.

All well here - Sammy and Howard growing and developing. No word from Charles for an age.

It will be good to see you -

Lovingly,
Father

The letter of 1908 before Charles came you can read and send on at once to Charles. It will interest him and will give you a good reason for writing him a few lines.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Kwangju, Korea

June 9, 1922

Eugene Bell

(postcard from Rev. Eugene Bell, missionary of the Korea Mission, Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), addressed to Rev. S.A. Moffett, D.D., Pyongyang, Chosen. In lower left-hand corner is written, "Heijo", the Japanese name of Pyengyang.

Dear Dr. Moffett:

The paper you sent was duly received. I note your request that I do all I can to get our Mission to send a substitute for Parker. We are so short of men that this will be difficult to do, but I will keep it in mind at Annual Meeting that begins next week.

I greatly appreciate all your sympathy. I was not in a position to appeal the suit as I sail July 4th from Yokohama. Perhaps I have a better illustration of the judicial system as it stands!

With best regards to all,

Cordially yours,

Eugene Bell

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Madison, Indiana

June 17, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Your letter of the 14th reached me last night. It is fine to hear so promptly. How I wish you might have been here this week. We have had some fine auto rides - one to Clifty Park Hotel and Hospital grounds, one to Little Cedar Cliff on the hills east of town overlooking the Ohio [River], and yesterday, one down below Hanover where I used to go as a boy in summer on a farm.

Wednesday night at prayer meeting I baptized Carrie's little 9 months-old Nancy Ella, the finest kind of a little smiling girl - and so good. She quite runs everything up here and Carrie and Fielding are very happy in her.

I had only one evening in Peoria. I reached there at 6:30 p.m. and left the next morning at 7 a.m. Saw them all and had a good talk. Donald graduated from high school last year and has started in to learn the Dry Goods business, taking a position in the Delivery Department of a large Dry Goods firm in Peoria. He says he likes it very much. He did not care to go on to college.

I am interested greatly in all you tell me of the sermons & addresses you hear. I shall be glad to have a copy of Bryan's pamphlet - send it on.

Bruce and Sam are enjoying a croquet set someone gave them and they play away over there with great fun. I am expecting to get a power lawn mower for Rob and Howard as my contribution to the hilltop - and then keep the whole place well mowed and in good shape. It is too beautiful a place to allow to go as it is.

Sorry you have such a time with Virgil. I sympathize with you, but rather think you will have to put in some extra efforts on Latin, for you do not want to fail in that. I am eager to talk over with you your work for next year. Can you finish in two terms, I wonder?

Word from Mother says all are well. Sam knows all the commandments and Howard is learning - knows now 1st, 2nd, 6th & 8th.

With lots of love in hope of seeing you soon,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)



New York, New York

June 28, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

It certainly was a joy and a great satisfaction to be with you again. I wonder if you begin to realize how very very much my heart's love and my thoughts go out to you day by day. We have had such fine fellowship all these years that I find it very very hard to have you away from me and I am so thankful I could have this unexpected visit with you. I wonder if you thought I "jumped on" you a little too much for not studying harder. If I did it is only because I am so eager to have you do well and so concerned lest you form careless habits which will be a great handicap to you later on. I rejoice greatly in your marked progress along certain lines and perhaps I should have said more about the things in which I feel that you are making good but I am really concerned over your tendency to put off your work until it is too late to do it well - and then your failure to do it at all because you cannot do it to your satisfaction - and I do so want to rouse you now to a correction of that before it becomes a fixed habit.

I may have "rubbed it in" a little bit too much but I am sure you know and appreciate the deep love which prompted me.

I am just going to trust you, my boy, to take yourself in hand and force yourself to do daily the regular routine work of study and pull through well this term - and I am not going to worry over it if I can possibly help it. But it will be such a satisfaction to me to hear from you that you have braced up and are conscientiously seeking to do your duty - primarily for Christ's sake, but also to please me.

I reached here last night about 2 o'clock local time - found it pouring down rain & took a taxi to this hotel. (Keep this address and stop here if you ever need to - you can get a room without bath for \$2 a day.)

This morning I went to the Board rooms and found letters from Mother, Uncle Howard and Will Baird. Some other letters for me here had been sent back to California, as my letter telling them I was coming here did not reach them in time to head off those letters.

Called on a couple of Koreans at that shop you spoke of on 18th street - not far from Gramercy Park - and through them hope to find Lim Chong Soon tomorrow. I think I will leave here tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, reaching Madison on Friday evening. Uncle Howard thinks he will go West with me.

I forgot to speak to you about sending you some more money. You have not enough on hand - so when I get to Madison will send you a draft for \$50 - more than enough to meet remaining expenditures of the term and to see you safely to Madison - if you go there for August.

If we should have you come on to California I will have to send you more, of course, but I will look out for that. I forgot to settle my Board bill with Mr. Watson. I had 9 meals in West Hall. Please see him at once and settle the bill and offer my apologies - also my appreciation of the privilege of being there. Neither did I say good by to a number of your friends. Get that in

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for me, please, and the first time you want to treat the crowd to the best eats you can get, call them in and do so at my expense. Take the 4th of July for a "set up" for them and don't do it on too small a scale. You can have \$5 for that - if you want it. If you can't get what you want at the store - go to Greenfield.

We did have a good time in Boston, didn't we! Wonder when we can take our next outing together.

Get the tennis racquet you ought to have and sell the one you now have. It did me good to see you play so good a game of tennis. You will make the champion player in Wooster before you get through if you just take it earnestly - practice regularly - not too much at a time, but regularly - and using your head, seek to improve your play right along..

Now boy - write me more frequently and do me good. I need your letters for I get dreadfully homesick for you when your letters do not come.

With a heart full of love,

Father

If my hair-brush should come, send it by parcel post to Madison or after July 2nd - to San Rafael. Letters the same. I got the pajamas and my cap.

Santa Barbara, California

July 11, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

[postcard to his son, James M. Moffett at Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts]

Dear Jamie -

This is what Uncle Howard, Uncle Tom and I are seeing around Santa Barbara. It is great for us three to get together here in California. Expect to go to Carpinteria tomorrow and to San Rafael the end of the week. Am eager to hear from you. Hope all goes well with the Latin, etc.

Greetings and love,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

King City, California

July 14, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

[postcard to his son, James M. Moffett, in school at Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts]

Dear Jamie -

We are on an auto ride with Uncle Henry [Fish] and Cousin Ben [Fish] from Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz, the Redwoods, the Big Basin, and San Jose. Now at King City for the night (Friday).

At San Jose we take the train for San Francisco and reach San Rafael Saturday night - - Uncle Howard and Uncle Tom and I.

Will write you from San Rafael about plans for summer.

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Giant Forest [California]

September 15, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

[postcard to his son, James M. Moffett at Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts]

I am just finishing an 8 days camping trip to Sequoia National Park. How I wish you might have been with us. Mother & boys remain a few days longer. I return to San Rafael to speak Sunday night.

This tree [pictured on front of postcard] is "the oldest and largest living thing in the world". Keep this picture until you can visit it yourself.

All well. All send love. Hope to hear good news from you at San Rafael.

As ever,

Father

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Somewhere in California

September 18, 1922

Lucia F. Moffett

Post card addressed to Miss Agnes Fortin, Mt. Hermon, California

Had a fine trip, not only two half days and the Sunday spent in Porterville. We did not go to Visalia so I shall miss seeing H's girls unless we go out that way. It is beyond description here, camps most comfortable [probably referring to Sequoia National Park]. Save us a redwood cone & we will bring you one of these [a picture of two small bears in the woods on front of postcard].

Lucia

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts

September 19, 1922

James M. Moffett

Postcard to his little brother, Master Howard F. Moffett
614 5th Avenue
San Rafael, California

Dear Howard,

Here is a picture of a train like the one Jamie went on. Didn't we have a good time this summer? I hope you had a nice time on the camping trip. I am back at school now.

In Los Angeles I saw Stuart and Elizabeth. Be a good boy.

Your brother,

Jamie

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

October 9, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I am hoping this morning's mail will bring me a letter from you, for again I am worrying over your failure to write as you ought. Your two postals to Sam and Howard are the only word we have had of your arrival at Mt. Hermon and of your start in your work - and yet you have been there a month. Are you not intending to come up to the mark and do your duty in this respect? I have been so eager to hear from you and each day has brought a new disappointment.

We were over in Oakland again a week ago - and among other things I saw another baseball game - a poor one - and attended a Jewish service on their "Day of Atonement" - the first Jewish service I have been in since I was a boy. It was interesting and instructive and had more Scripture in it (O.T., of course) than most services I have attended.

Last Saturday we attended the "Grape Festival" in behalf of orphanage. It was at Kentfield on the beautiful grounds of the Kent Place just at foot of Mt. Tamalpais and the wooded foothills. Several thousand people attended and they had all kinds of booths with articles of food for sale. They say they got about \$8000 from it.

I am packing up slowly - have the Chinaware and kitchen utensils we want to take all packed in three boxes and now start in on the books. About half of the books here I have set aside for you and Charles. Will plan to send one box of them to you at Wooster to have during your college course and will pack one box for you here - leaving it in Oakland probably - for you when you want the things that you will want in a home some day.

I will write to Wooster also, making application for you there next year. It will be best, I think, to send a box of books there for you. You will not want them at Mt. Hermon this year.

What about curtains? Mother says that if you want any from here it is high time you were writing as to what you want. You know you were to let her know the dimensions of your windows.

Who is your room-mate? How goes the Latin? Did you get the parcel post package I sent with your racquet, etc.? What about having your blue serge suit altered?

Have you been over to Northfield and seen Theodora [Sharrocks] yet? Remember, she is lonesome this year and you can help her - as well as have a good time, yourself - by going over when you can.

William Baird has taken a position as assistant pastor at New Rochelle, 15 miles out from New York, and has secured a position for Mrs. Sharrocks as assistant in the church in work among women, or something of the kind. So Marion will be with her and go in to her school by train each day. Isn't that fine?

Sam and Howard are enjoying their school very much indeed and it is doing them a great deal of good. Fielding [Hall, his brother Howard's son-in-law] is in Santa Barbara now and we look for Howard & Susie, Elizabeth and Lenore as well as Carrie and the baby [Moffett relatives] to come out about November 1st. I am hoping they will spend a few days with us on the way to Santa Barbara.

A letter from Uncle Will tells me that your cousins Emily and Amy have both entered as freshmen at Parsons College, Iowa and are enjoying it immensely. I am so glad they like it

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there.

What do you want to plan for your Christmas vacation this year? Anything yet you have thought of?

Mr. Phillips of Pyengyang came west recently, passing through Portland, Oregon and wrote me afterwards of having seen Dr. Wells there and of having learned of the death of Virginia Wells. I was so surprised. She had gone back to Virginia to see her mother's people and I suppose died there.

Saturday we saw Marion Morris at the Grape Festival. She is a senior in high school in San Francisco. She came over two months ago as did also the two Miller boys and Edward Avison. The three boys are all in Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, the academy Clinton [his brother Howard's son] taught in a few years ago.

Did your thesis reach the professor all right and what was the result? How about your studies this term? Let me know what you are taking. Don't fail in Latin this term. That would be disastrous.

Love from us all -

Lovingly,

Father

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

October 26, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Your good long letter came at last and relieved my suspense, for I was wondering what could prevent you from writing. Doubtless you received the postal which I sent you to fill out. I think I will send you one every time you delay writing which I hope will not be often. It was good to learn all about your experiences and your start of work for the term. All the various kinds of work you have to do are just so many experiences giving you a good deal of knowledge outside of your studies. Now if I can just hear from you that you are doing real good work in Latin and keeping up well in other studies I shall feel immensely relieved.

I have some good letters from Charles which I enclose. You can return them to me. I have also a letter from Mr. Roberts, and the following extract from it did me a world of good, as you may know: "Charles seems well. He is a fine boy. We "ate" him for a couple of weeks this summer and as Evelyn [Mrs. Roberts] says, 'every day he grew in our estimation'." Perhaps Charles will make you "hump yourself" to beat him in tennis.

I wrote to Wooster, making application for your admission there September 1923 and received the enclosed blank and a catalogue. Look this over and be sure that you will be able to fill it out so as to meet the requirements. I should like to have you take the B.A. course.

I do not know what is meant by the Psychological Test but if it is an advantage to take it and you have not yet done so, I think you had better take it. Now, make a special effort to get into at least the middle third of your class if you can't make the highest.

Did you ever get a letter from the pastor of the Union Church in Pyengyang? If not, let me know and I will get one for you. Where do you want your church connection in this country? In San Rafael or in Madison? Better one of those two, I think, so as to keep up the family connection.

Let me know how you will be able to have this blank filled out under the head, "Full adaptations of units for Freshman Standing - for the B.A. degree plan". As I see it, you will be able to write "English 3 units, Latin - units, History 1 (or more) unit, Science 1 unit (or more), other accepted studies - 1½ units in History, Physiology or in more units of some of above. Let me know about it. Get the Wooster catalogue in your library and read what it says about "Terms of Admission". Put yourself above the "lowest third" of your class by special effort if necessary.

We are expecting Susie, Lenore & Elizabeth here for a few days the last of next week before they go on to Santa Barbara. Howard, Carrie and the baby I will see in San Francisco. They will go right on to Santa Barbara, where Fielding already is. It will be fun to have them here.

Just at present Cousin Hester from Carpinteria is here and last week Theodore, Sr. from Oregon was here for a few days.

I saw a great football match last week in Berkeley between California University team and a San Francisco athletic team made up of former college football men. A great game although score showed 25 for California, 0 for Olympics.

We are all well - all send love and all are eager to hear from you more frequently.

Lovingly,
Father

Regards to "Hank", Gradwohl, and others. Glad to hear you are to be in Good Government Club. Hope you get lots of good from it. Of course you can't fill out the Wooster blank before next June.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California

November 18, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I have not written for some time - have been pretty busy - had a good many letters to write and for some reason or other have kept postponing this letter to you. I hope another from you is on the way now. In your last you wrote of your French. I do not understand how you allow yourself to fail in any of your studies. You need to divide your time more proportionately and not put in all your study time in trying to get one lesson perfectly and neglect the others.

As for your French, by all means get as good a mark as possible this term and finish it. I do not think you will need to take any more. I do so want you to finish all your work this year creditably so that you enter Wooster with good certificates. Make a desperate effort to pass the college examinations. Until you do get better grades - failing in nothing, I do not think you should plan to put any time into outside matters such as photographing, etc. I'll gladly supply you with a real good camera if only you will learn to use your time more properly - not dream along nor postpone your study until it is too late to get your lessons properly. You can do it - why not do it? Make it a matter of prayer and ask for grace to help - - for to take yourself in hand and make yourself do the things you should along this line.

You do so well, Jamie, along many lines, and I am so greatly pleased with your development and your sane and true ideas about many things that I dislike greatly having to take you to task and to seem to be faultfinding or lecturing, but you need more firmness with yourself if you are to become a really strong character with force and a molding influence in the lives of others.

Apparently we shall be ready to sail about December 10-15. I have made my final report on the estate and all will be finished so far as I know on December 8th. No sale for the property yet and I am beginning to plan to rent it subject to sale, leaving it all in the hands of the agent. I wish I could sell it. That would mean a larger income for all of us and would entail much less work as well as possibility of loss. I will do the best I can.

Am happy to go down to Santa Barbara before we go - see Howard, Susie, etc. and talk over things with him.

Hope you have a good Thanksgiving. We have no special plans for it. I wish, too, that your Uncle Azel might write you to spend Christmas with them again. Should he do so, by all means accept, and get all the good you can out of a visit there. If nothing else comes, you will have to plan to stay at Hermon. Put in some of your time reading.

Mother has the curtains ready for me to send you. They are frail and will not last long - I doubt if they will stand the laundry more than once more but you can use them as long as they last. Will send them soon.

I enclose a letter from President Wishart of Wooster. I guess that means you can enter there. Now, work to enter with best possible recommendations. I will see that you get your letter (church) from Pyenyang - and you can send it to Madison or take it there next summer and be received there.

Lenore and Elizabeth enjoyed their view of San Francisco and the Bay very much, indeed. I took them to a football match at Berkeley - 25,000 spectators with fine rooting from the students. We went up in the Campanile also. They are now in high school in Santa Barbara.

The Gillises have gone to Honolulu to teach in a Korean school there. Am sorry they did not go to Korea. Dr. & Mrs. Ross sail next week from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Holdcroft

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are at Princeton, hoping to be well enough next summer to go to Korea. Mr. Hugh Miller and wife came home a month ago and are in Washington D.C. He has sprue. Their two boys, Ralph and Hugh, came home a couple of months before them and are in school at Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania where Clinton [Moffett] taught a few years ago. Edward Avison is there also. In October we went over to Kentfield for the annual Grape Festival for the Presbyterian Orphanage - and to our surprise met Marion Morris. She and her mother are now in San Francisco. She is attending Lowell High School. She was there when you were here and expressed disappointment that she had not met you then. How about your Round Robin [letter]? Are you all keeping it up?

Tell Gradwohl I was glad to hear from him. Am glad to hear you are in Good Government Club. Hope it does you good and helps to hold you up to good work in your studies.

I was at Stanford University a week ago speaking to Student Volunteers. They have magnificent equipment there but I am more and more satisfied that the best colleges are those of moderate equipment and attendance with true ideas as to character building. Must stop.

Lots of love from all -

Father

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San Rafael, California

November 20, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

I am sending you a package by parcel post which contains your curtains. Have also sent a number of books which I had put aside for you. I have over a hundred for you - forming a good nucleus for your library. These few I send, you can keep around you to browse around in as you feel like it. *The Vanguard* I especially want you to keep and read. You will get a fine Korean background from it to help you in making speeches on Korea as you ought to - as you go on through college.

I am also enclosing a number of Korean things which you will be glad to have in your room as curios - and to give a Korean atmosphere. The big blue picture you can put on your wall. It is one taken from a spirit shrine and as you probably know, is what they worship or placate when the sorcerer or sorceress tries to drive out evil spirits from the sick. The little brass dishes if polished are pretty for holding collar buttons, etc. and such as these are now hard to obtain. The Buddhist priests' begging bell (wooden) is a fine curio - hard to get. The pencil case of stone is genuine Korean also. The octagonal box is good Korean work. The money and string (straw) will interest many.

There will probably be in the box something from Sam and Howard. They are going down town after music today to "get something for Jamie". With this letter I enclose two cards colored by them at Sunday School yesterday. They wrote their own names. See how they are improving - also difference in way of coloring their pictures.

I spoke yesterday in Tamalpais Military Academy and they gave me a fine round of applause. We were all greatly delighted at the 30,000 + vote majority for the Wright Law here, which enforces prohibition in the state

Dr. and Mrs. Ross sail Thursday for Korea. We will see them Wednesday at the Seminary.

Lots of love from all. Write often, please, before we leave - and let's get in everything we ought to talk about before we have such a long distance between us.

Send me a list of what you want for Christmas. Perhaps we can send you some of the things. Did you ever get your blue suit lengthened and refitted? Do you need a new suit this winter?

Lovingly,

Father

Send me, please, the aeroplane stamps and the 11 cent stamps on parcel post package. Save any 11, 15, 25, & 50 cent stamps you see.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

November 21, 1922

Lucia F. Moffett

Dear Jamie,

The curtains are starting at last. They were a long time about it because we have had guests almost continuously for some time. Cousin Hester was here from Carpinteria for three weeks. And at last I have seen your Aunt Susie and the girls. That was a real treat, tho the visit was very short. Howard almost wept when baby Nancy went on to Santa Barbara without stopping at all. They played together for a time in the Ferry Building.

To return to the curtains, they are not just what you need but I thought would do for the short time left at Hermon, perhaps. They will scarcely stand another washing. Then when we finally find out whether this house is to be rented furnished, unfurnished, or sold, we can send the curtains from your grandmother's room, which are the only good long ones, or else get new for your Wooster room. They may be furnished there.

Your father rushed around with such a fierce light in his eye, looking for Korean things for you, I almost expected to be packed off as an interesting specimen. However, those are things of your grandfather's that you want to keep. I will send you a couple of embroidered things to give away - the work of the girls, not real Korean embroidery. We shall have to wait until we get home for that.

Do work or study with the clock in front of you when you feel your time is limited and make yourself work faster. If you have not time and the right word won't come - bear it in mind, but go ahead. It will save lots of time and please, please, do keep up in all your subjects. Your father even hesitated about putting in those novels lest they prove a temptation. A kodak, too, or bicycle, would take time that apparently needs to be put on study. Then we must have you in Korea for a year before you graduate. That can't be done either if you lag. I think the whole trouble is a method of study you have gotten into. Remember how you used to wait for a certain minute to come before you would begin to practice when you were a little chap? Such things waste minutes, then hours, and the usefulness of a life may be seriously impaired. You know - but enough of this.

We called the other day on the mother of Miss Delmarter of Seoul. Her brother has wanted since he was a boy to go to the mission field but, since an accident which left him almost dead, he has had a weak back. An army doctor made incisions to cure it which have left a running sore. He graduates from San Anselmo Theological Seminary this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross leave for Korea this week. Isn't it fine that Richard Baird is almost ready, although it scares me to find you boys growing up so quickly. Mr. Holdcroft does not feel at all sure that he can go back at all. The Koons and Miss Doriss sail late in January.

It would do you good to see Sammie and Howard run now. They have improved 100% since they went to school. They have a director of play who is evidently very good. In the street cars they drive me crazy, first one pulls a sleeve "Mama, what does WRIG spell"; "Mama, it's my turn, what does BREAD spell", etc., etc.

Howard continues to let his light shine in public places. On the Key Route he was so naughty about sitting where his father told him. Finally, subsiding, he began to sing "Trust and obey for there's no other way", etc., at first softly - then for the edification of the car full. He still carries his pocket testament, hauling it out every once in a while to remark, "This is a good book, it's true. Aren't you glad papa gave it to me?"

Evenings we have an early supper and play anagrams or card dominoes with them. If we

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had known we should be here practically this whole term, I don't believe we could have let you go. We all miss you so. Sammie spoke of a schoolmate as his best friend, then corrected himself - "No, my big brother Jamie is my best friend.

I was interested in the theme on Korea. It is just right. Miss Doriss says she spoke in Philadelphia and Mrs. Winn of Japan was called on directly afterwards for a few words. She could not speak but backed up to the wall and began to sob. She just managed to say "All Miss Doriss says is true, it is too true."

If your father does not give you facts about mission matters, etc., just ask him. You are needing them, perhaps, more than we realize.

This is a long letter without much in it. I am expecting three friends from Oakland either today or tomorrow and am uncertain whether the kitchen calls loudly or not.

With a great deal of love from all of us and hoping that you are going to have a glorious time in your Christmas vacation.

Lovingly,

Mother

San Rafael, California
614 Fifth Avenue

December 13, 1922

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jamie:

Here is your Christmas present - the best, I think, I can possibly give you - a trip to Princeton, New Jersey to spend the vacation with the Holdcrofts - and then if he can make it - a trip with him to Washington D.C. where I hope you can see Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Miller and their two boys and also Congressman and Mrs. Harry Hull (Miss Gittens). I am to bear the expense for both of you, and to make sure you have enough money on hand, am enclosing a draft for \$50. See all you can in Princeton and Washington and have just as good a time as possible. How I wish I could be with you.

Write to Dr. Holdcroft (he is D.D. now) at once - (44 Alexander Street, Princeton, N.J.). You will go via New York City, I think. Possibly on the way to Washington you may see a little of Philadelphia and Independence Hall.

We are delayed here on account of Mother's dental work and will not get off before January 12 - 15, so keep up your letters. I do hope I'll hear you got through well in everything this term. Let me know dates for your vacation.

With love from us all -

Lovingly,

Father